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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF INTEGRA TELECOM OF OREGON, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES BY EASTERN OREGON TELECOM, LLC

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 09-226

Comments Due: January 5, 2010

Reply Comments Due: January 12, 2010

On December 8, 2009, Integra Telecom of Oregon, Inc. (Integra) and its affiliates, Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, LLC, United Communications, Inc. d/b/a UNICOM, Oregon Telecom, Inc., ATI, Fine and Shared Communications, Inc., and Eastern Oregon Telecom, LLC (Eastern Oregon) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer certain assets of Integra and its affiliates located in Pendleton and Hermiston, Oregon to Eastern Oregon. 1 Integra and its parent company, Integra Telecom Holdings, Inc. (Integra Holdings), are Oregon corporations.<sup>2</sup> Integra Holdings previously purchased the affiliates identified above, all of which provide, through Integra, competitive resold local exchange services to customers in Pendleton and Hermiston, Oregon where Owest Corporation is the incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC). Eastern Oregon, an Oregon limited liability company, provides competitive LEC and long distance services in Eastern Oregon, including in Hermiston and Pendleton. It has a single member, Eastern Oregon Holding Company, LLC, which in turn consists of several Oregon cooperative corporations. Applicants state that no entity has a direct or indirect 10 percent or greater interest in Eastern Oregon. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Eastern Oregon will acquire approximately 463 customers that Integra and its affiliates presently serve through the resale of incumbent LEC service. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R § 63.03; see 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants filed supplements to their domestic section 214 application on December 17 and December 18, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The following U.S.-based entities own 10 percent or more of the ultimate parent company of Integra, Integra Teleeom, Inc.: Goldman, Sachs & Co. (36.4 percent), Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC (21.9 percent), and Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C (10.2 percent). The managing members of Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C have U.S. and foreign citizenship.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Integra Telecom of Oregon, Inc. and its Affiliates by Eastern Oregon Telecom, LLC, WC Docket No. 09-226 (filed Dec. 8, 2009).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Wireline Competition Bureau finds, upon initial review, that the transfer of certain assets identified herein is acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments on or before January 5, 2010, and reply comments on or before January 12, 2010. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of this notice.<sup>4</sup> Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal. See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . . ."); Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/, or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, http://www.regulations.gov.
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